

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 17-25 with the following amended paragraph:

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 7-179556 discloses a process for preparing a thermoplastic polyurethane having a high hardness of not less than 75 (JIS-A hardness), excellent heat resistance, low compression permanent strain and excellent cold resistance, comprising reacting a polyester-polyol having a molecular weight of 2500 to 3500 and 1,4-butanediol with a diisocyanate in a specific ratio. However, there arises some defects in this process that the thermoplastic polyurethane foam is poor in heat resistance, compression permanent strain and cold resistance, when the molded article density is adjusted to a desired range of 0.4 to 0.8 g/cm³, and Asker C hardness is adjusted to 50 to 75.